

REMARKS:

The supplemental amendment is being filed consistent with the discussions of the telephone interview of April 30, 2010. Claim 51 is being deleted and the limitation carried forward into claims 1 and 35. Claims 14 and 47 are being amended to delete the limitation "but insufficient to elongate said work pieces (1)".

The Examiner and applicant's attorney originally agreed upon the terminology "sealing lips 23" in amending claims 1 and 35, in a telephone interview conference of April 30, 2010. However, upon further review of the application, applicants realized that the specification discloses "sealing members" with respect to both Figs. 2 and 4. These sealing members shown in the Figs. 2 and 4 are recited in the specification as "sealing walls 9" in regards to Fig. 2; and as "sealing lips 23" in regards to Fig. 4. Both of the sealing members 9 and 23 are located on the exit wall of an electrolysis region and both extend into the opening in the exit wall through which the conveying path extends. "Member" is a term of art which encompasses what is explicitly and implicitly disclosed to one of ordinary skill. Applicants are permitted recite claim terminology beyond a mere "rote" repetition of the specific specification terminology, as long as it is understandable to one of ordinary skill in the art. Applicants "walls 9" and "lips 23" are sealing members that perform the same function. They extend into the opening in the exit wall 10 of an electrolyses region, extending into that opening from above it and below it and perform a sealing function.

Applicants' language, being more extensive than that suggested by the Examiner, is drafted to avoid an indefinite interpretation of the limitation.

It is believed that the application is now in allowable condition. It is requested that it now be passed to issue.

No additional fees are believed to be required. In the event that an additional fee is required with respect to this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Paul & Paul Deposit Account No. 16-0750. (order no. 8083)

Respectfully submitted,

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